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*He prayeth best who loveth best all things,
Both great and small.—Coleridge.*

"GET BUSY"

Hawaii's 1913 Floral Parade is seriously endangered now because of lateness in starting the preparations. No matter where lies the blame or what seems needless delay of several months past, the fact remains that the organization of committees has hardly been started, the secretary has just been appointed, and none of the immense amount of detailed work has been started.

The time left for preparation is so short as to constitute a real emergency now, and in this emergency it is squarely up to the people of Honolulu and the islands in general to "get busy."

Just those two short, emphatic Anglo-Saxon words, "Get Busy!"

The main idea of the pageant this year, so we understand from the director, Mr. C. F. Chilngworth, and from the promotion committee, is to be historical. However, the Floral Parade committee will try to turn out a big decorated auto section and a big decorated float section, and in these two sections it is up to Honolulu to make a creditable showing.

Last year the Floral Parade committee had the unhappy experience of nearly fifty cars entered—or announced by their owners as entered—up to within a few hours of the parade. One day of rain discouraged almost a third of the owners and more than fifteen entries in the decorated auto section were cancelled at the last moment. It was not only a keen embarrassment to the committee, but a sad and significant commentary on the spirit of the people of Honolulu.

If there is one event in all the year where none of this faint-hearted spirit should be shown, where nothing but enthusiasm and determination should prevail, it is at the Floral Parade. Hawaii has advertised this midwinter carnival all over the world, and tourists are coming from all over the world to see it. One failure, one "fall-down", will hurt Honolulu and the islands immensely from the tourist standpoint. Honolulu has never yet registered a failure in her seven annual pageants, she has never registered anything but brilliant success, and only success should be contemplated now.

But no committee, no set of officials, however hard-working and capable, can get up a creditable street parade without the assistance of the owners of automobiles. And just as it is up to the auto-owners to enter decorated cars, so it is up to the business houses to enter floats. One thing the committee should do speedily, and that is to find some means of securing entries of cars decorated not so much to win prizes as to show the interest of the people in the parade, and to add to the spectacular and beautiful effect of a long line of flower-dressed machines. It isn't necessary for an auto-owner to spend fifty or a hundred dollars in decorating a car. He can have just as good a time and get a really handsome effect for ten or fifteen dollars, and, in the past, cars have been prettily decorated for less than ten dollars.

The fact that this is Hawaii's own show and biggest show, and that it is an achievement for Hawaii and an expression of Hawaii's welcome to the visitor, as well as commemoration of the birthday of the immortal Washington, ought to bring out a hundred entries in the decorated auto section. The kind of spirit that decorates purely to win prizes is the cheapest mercenary bargaining. People of Honolulu ought to spend a few hours of preparation on their cars with flags and flowers and greenery and enter the parade if only to show that they are anxious to do their share toward helping Honolulu make good in this one big general event of the year.

There is altogether too much of the chill spirit of aloofness about Honolulu when "Floral Parade" is mentioned. It's time to loosen up and forget selfishness. In the past, the committees have been disheartened by scores of auto-owners who, when asked for entries, drew back almost as if offended and said, "Oh, I want to watch the parade from my machine."

About the best thing that could happen to possessors of this sort of spirit is to have the public know who they are and how they act when asked to give a little time and effort "for the love of Honolulu."

THE SCHOOL DEFICIT A BOOKKEEPING CONDITION

Figures printed in the Star-Bulletin the other day given out by Territorial Treasurer D. L. Conkling and showing that the deficiency in the

school fund at the close of the year 1911 amounted to \$70,159.16 have been misinterpreted by many readers, and an explanation of the situation as it is understood by this paper is hereby given.

The deficit of \$70,000, giving the amount in round numbers, does not mean that the schools overdraw their appropriation. On the contrary, they lived within the appropriation.

The schools were given an appropriation of a certain amount, but when the tax receipts making up this amount came in, \$70,000 of it was transferred to the counties, instead of to the schools to which it properly belonged. This left the schools short \$70,000 of the appropriation they had been promised, and to make this up the territory paid the schools that amount.

The counties, receiving a total of \$70,000 more than they should have had last year, must now pay that back to the territory, and it will be taken out of the appropriations they ordinarily would receive from the taxes. Oahu's share of the \$70,159.16 was \$33,460.04, and this amount is deducted from Oahu's receipts this year, to reimburse the territory.

CITY CHARTER SUGGESTIONS

Honolulu's attempts to get a workable charter on the short-ballot or commission principle will be attended naturally with great diversity of opinion as to details. One of these differences is already beginning to arise. Many well-informed and thinking men of the city prefer the plan of a "city manager" to that of municipal government by a commission of three or five men.

On page 26 of this issue will be found an interesting story of the experiences of Staunton, Va., with the city manager. Here, at least, is one example of conspicuous success,—and it is better to copy success than uncertainty.

A worthy suggestion is contained in a communication published today from Prof. W. A. Bryan of the College of Hawaii, who is unusually well-informed on progressive municipal government. Mr. Bryan advances the idea that in case the recall should be set in operation against a commissioner, and if in the resulting election the voters sustain the official under fire, that official should hold office not only for the remainder of his original term, but, further, for four years from the next succeeding biennial election.

The object sought, of exercising a restraining and moderating influence on attacks through the recall, might be secured, but the Star-Bulletin sees also some disadvantages in the plan. Many voters might not wish to change horses in the middle of a stream even with an unworthy man in office and yet would wish to displace him at the next regular election. Under this plan, the people would have no right to make a change in office at the end of a regularly appointed term. Furthermore, the principle of the recall is to secure a prompt expression of opinion in case of grave civic emergency, and the official against whom a recall could even be seriously contemplated is not, in the majority of cases, likely to be an official whom the people would wish to assure of a further long term of manumy without opportunity of change in the regular way.

Mr. Bryan's suggestion is novel and has some merit, but until it is more fully worked out in detail, it seems rather too experimental for Honolulu just now.

The imperial German chancellor has forbidden the diplomats of his country to wed American wives. Is this a slander on the American woman's ability to keep a secret?

Los Angeles has sent a policeman down to Laysan island to study "wild life". Wonder if the job is too dangerous for some of Sheriff Jarrett's men to tackle?

District Attorney Breckons gives us reason for hope that the Mahuka site case will be settled some time during the Democratic administration.

San Francisco capitalists are planning a sugar refinery in Constantinople. The horrors of the war must be preferable to tariff revision.

New York is anxious for the war in Europe to end. Most of its justly-famed cabaret waiters are fighting at the Grecian front.

The new charter commission is evidently bent on putting the present charter out of commission.

FRIENDLY CHRISTIANITY

For the man or woman who desires contact and sincerity to be of practical aid to society, to help, in a little, in bearing the burdens of a neighbor, to point the way for others less fortunate in education or environment, there is an almost sublime inspiration in the story of the Bible Class Union.

Less than four years ago this union was started, but it extends now from Arizona to Rhode Island, and Canada and Australia have affiliations.

A. J. Drexel-Biddle, the dashing "Tony" Biddle of Philadelphia, scion of an old and wealthy family, himself a splendid athlete, a remarkable boxer, a leading figure in society, is the remarkable personality that has made this movement grow with meaning for humanity. In 1908 this clubman told the pastor of a Philadelphia church that he wanted to do something for his fellowman, and the pastor suggested a Bible class for three young men just then without a teacher.

Mr. Biddle accepted the suggestion, and began to work. He had no plan in view, no theories to work out. He simply felt that as a part of a real Christian life he must give not only of his means, but of himself in personal service for the uplift of his fellowman. He has all the personal qualities of leadership, although until the development of this movement he had never found himself.

By the close of the season the class had grown to fifteen. In the fall the class, at Dr. Tomkins's request, took charge of the work in the gymnasium. Mr. Wilson became the director and manager of the team, with Mr. Biddle as a consultant and assistant. Young men inclined to athletics were attracted to "Tony" Biddle, not only because of his athletic frame, but also by his wonderfully genial, magnetic personality. It is no wonder that the gymnasium soon became crowded, and that with such leaders the various athletic teams of Holy Trinity became distinguished in all branches of sports.

But the Bible class was ever uppermost in Mr. Biddle's mind, and the young men were drawn into it in such numbers that a larger room became necessary. A number were presented for confirmation and became devout communicants and active workers in the church, as well as in the Bible class.

The next year the movement began to spread to other churches in Philadelphia, and affiliations were formed irrespective of denomination. Bible classes of both men and women were organized and largely attended. They were called Drexel-Biddle Bible classes. In 1910 the idea of a league or association among them was broached, bishops and clergymen accepting appointments as vice-presidents.

But the movement could not be confined to Philadelphia. One of the members of the original class went back to his home in Danville and established a class there, the first outside the city. Soon there were classes in Chester, Pennsylvania, and in Wilmington, Delaware, and inquiries began to pour in from many states.

Rotating leadership within an individual class, interclass visitation, and a spirit of athleticism expressed in competing games are some of the novel features Mr. Biddle has introduced.

The key-notes of this movement are Christian unity and human brotherhood. The unity of the visible Church of Christ is the absorbing question of the present day. All agree on the essential fundamental truths of the Christian faith, and admit the great need of a closer unity between Christians, but how to secure it is a problem.

And in the same spirit the classes make the social life an important feature of their work. To them the brotherhood of man means social activities, acquaintance, friendship, good cheer, mutual helpfulness, and uplift. To these aspects and fruits of brotherly love, this movement addresses itself with more energy and earnestness, and especially with more directness of purpose than is usually found. To the younger element especially, this practical application of a sociable and friendly Christianity appeals with great force, and a Drexel-Biddle Bible class, if fully imbued with the spirit of the founder, will go far toward solving the problem as to how to keep the young people, and especially the young men, in the churches.

Old Doc's Talk

FRIENDS

Friends are like clothes.
Ah, yes, 'tis true.
But you must brush and press them.
too.
If you would keep them fresh and new
As the world goes.
Friends are like clothes;
A patch or two
May make them worth the more to
you.
When all the wear and tear are
through—
As the world goes!
Friends are like clothes;
If you grow thin
And your waist smaller than it's been.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

AS TO THE RECALL.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir:—Referring to your constructive comment on the tentative outline of a charter for Honolulu recently submitted for discussion. We note that an editorial position is taken by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin advocating that in order to make the recall effective, a higher per cent of signers to the petition should be required than that named in the outline. The following facts may be of interest in this connection.

In 63 cities scattered all over America, ranging in size from 5000 to 100,000 population, from which statistics are readily obtainable, we find that 27 cities definitely require 25 per cent of the vote cast at the last election; ten require more than 25 per cent while six cities, all located in Illinois, where state law requires the petition to be signed by at least seventy-five per cent of the voters, have charters so drawn. In eighteen cities—usually the earlier ones to adopt the short ballot charter—the recall is not provided for; while in five cities it is initiated by less than the 25 per cent suggested for Honolulu.

Of the 63 cities mentioned none have the recall based on a fifty per cent petition. The nearest approach being Dallas, Texas, where it is thirty-five per cent.

The writer of the outline, under consideration, would favor an increase rather than a decrease in the percentage required. In preparing the draft the writer considered incorporating as a suggestion, what appears to be an entirely original and perhaps what would prove in practice to be an effective and satisfactory plan named by—

A recall is an attack by the voters on the policy or personality of the individual. If the individual is sustained it would seem fair to reward

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him with an extension of his term in office.

W. A. R.

PERSONALITIES

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

E. B. BLANCHARD—I have nearly completed my investigation of the California wines as well as the "dago red" and will make my report in a few days.

PROMOTION WOOD—The display of the enlarged photographs of last year's floral parade, which we now have in the windows of the promotion committee office, is attracting a great deal of attention both by the tourists and the local people.

TOMORROW WILL BE "PEACE SUNDAY"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Announcement was made here today by the American Peace Society of the designation of Dec. 15 as "Peace Sunday." In accordance with a custom which has prevailed for more than twenty years, churches and Sunday schools throughout the country will on that day be called upon to emphasize the barbarities of war and the growing movements toward a world court and international peace.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will build a hotel near its station in New York city twenty-three stories high, containing 1500 rooms which, with the cost of the site, will cost somewhere between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. It is to be the finest hotel of its kind in the country.

DR. T. J. McDONALD, sailed in the Sierra this morning for San Francisco. EDWIN K. FERNANDEZ, left for the coast on a business mission today. He was a passenger in the Sierra.

MR. DISTELL, lately connected with the Palm Cafe, left today for Los Angeles to engage in business there.

Dr. J. T. Cowes was a passenger for the coast in the Oceanic liner Sierra leaving for San Francisco at noon today.

JOHN McGOVERN, who has been filling a position in Honolulu for a number of months, has decided to return to Petaluma, and will again take a position with Ernest Young, the local contractor—Petaluma, Cal.

JUDGE AND MRS. J. D. MATHESSON, of Billings, Montana, the parents of Lieutenant Roy Matheson of Fort De Russy and the uncle and aunt of Roderick O. Matheson of this city, arrived on the transport yesterday. Judge and Mrs. Matheson will spend the winter with their son at Fort De Russy.

JOHN SCOTT SEIZED AT MEETING
HILLO, Dec. 13.—Suffering from an acute attack of dengue fever John Scott was seized with a sudden faintness at the meeting of the Board of Trade last Tuesday afternoon. Members present thought at first that he had a stroke of some sort and were relieved when they found out that it was not serious.

Reports yesterday afternoon stated that the veteran sugar man was out of bed and sitting up again.

HOUSES FOR RENT

FURNISHED	UNFURNISHED
Tantalus \$ 40.00	Pua Lane \$ 17.00
Kaimuki 45.00	Waipio 12.00
Kahala Beach..... 50.00	Wilder Avenue .. 35.00
..... 50.00, 75.00	Kaimuki 30.00
Nuuanu Avenue .. 80.00	Ala Moana and
Pacific Heights .. 100.00	Ena Roads 50.00
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	Pawaa Lane 18.00
	Puunui Avenue ... 30.00

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You old kamaainas, who have lived in Honolulu for years, will remember the box of fresh eggs at Nolte's. This box of fresh eggs is from the Bellina ranch. Thirty minutes from the center of the city, we have a few acres left adjoining the Bellina ranch, suitable in every way for raising chickens. Surplus eggs are just like money in the bank. A very small cash payment will pay for one of these acres. If you are in doubt or if you are skeptical in regard to the chicken-raising business in this locality, interview Mr. Williamson of 601 Avenue. In addition to this acre property, we have the following residence property:

We have property for sale in this district as follows:
House and two lots, Palolo Hill \$3500.00
House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise \$2500.00
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki \$2600.00
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki \$2700.00
3 lots, cor. Kaimuki and Eighteenth Ave. \$1450.00
Claudine Ave. lots \$ 400.00
Lot on Palolo Hillside \$ 550.00
1450 Kewalo St. \$6000.00

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